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 ATHEROSCLEROSIS USING (sRAGE) SOLUBLE RECEPTOR
 FOR ADVANCED GLYCATION ENDPRODUCTS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following, which are listed on Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit 1**). Copies of the disclosures listed below as items 1-7 are attached hereto as **Exhibits 2-8**, respectively.

1. Brownlee M. Glycation products and the pathogenesis of diabetic complications. Diab. Care 15(12):1835-1842, 1992 (**Exhibit 2**);
2. Neep M, AM Schmidt, J Brett, SD Yan, F Wang, YC Pan, K Elliston, D Stern and A Shaw. Cloning and expression of RAGE: a cell surface receptor for advanced glycosylation end products of proteins. J. Biol. Chem. 267:14998-15004, 1992 (**Exhibit 3**);
3. Schmidt AM, M Vianna, M Gerlach, J Brett, J Ryan, J Kao, C Esposito, H Hegarty, W Hurley, M Clauss, F Wang, YC Pan, TC

- Tsang, and D Stern. Isolation and characterization of binding proteins for advanced glycosylation end products from lung tissue which are present on the endothelial cell surface. J. Biol. Chem. 267:14987-14997, 1992 (**Exhibit 4**);
4. Schmidt AM, O Hori, J Brett, SD Yan, JL Wautier, and D Stern. Cellular receptors for advanced glycation endproducts: implications for induction of oxidant stress and cellular dysfunction in the pathogenesis of vascular lesions. Arterioscl. And Thromb. 14:1521-1528, 1994 (**Exhibit 5**);
 5. Schmidt AM, SD Yan, and D Stern. The dark side of glucose(News and Views). Nat. Med. 1:1002-1004, 1995 (**Exhibit 6**);
 6. Schmidt AM, M Hasu, D Popov, JH Zhang, SD Yan, J Brett, R Cao, K Kuwabara, G Costache, N Simionescu, and D Stern. The receptor for Advanced Glycation Endproducts(RAGE) has a central role in vessel wall interactions and gene activation in response to AGEs in the intravascular space. PNAS(USA) 91:8807-8811, 1994 (**Exhibit 7**);
 7. Wautier JL, C Zoukourian, O Chappey, MP Wautier, PJ Guillausseau, R Cao, O Hori, D Stern, and AM Schmidt. Receptor-mediated endothelial cell dysfunction in diabetic vasculopathy: soluble receptor for advanced glycation endproducts blocks hyperpermeability. J. Clin. Invest. 97:238-243, 1996 (**Exhibit 8**).

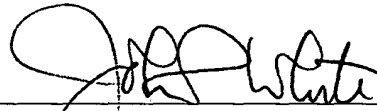
Applicants maintain that none of those above-listed references citable as a reference against the subject application disclose or suggest the invention now being claimed.

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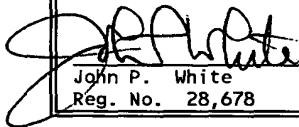
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